* doubling the flow of rural credit within three years.
* easing the burden of debt and high interest rates on farm loans.
* making more effective crop and livestock insurance schemes.
* introducing special programmes for dryland farming in the arid and semi-arid regions.
* taking up watershed and wasteland development programmes on a massive scale.
* ensuring adequate protection to the farmers from imports.
* ensuring fair and remunerative prices to farmers.

National Policy on Farmers

1025. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Farmers has suggested Government to formulate a National Policy on Farmers;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Commission had also suggested Government to focus more on the economic well being of the farmers feeding the nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Commission on Farmers has *inter-alia* recommended a revised Draft National Policy for farmers in its Fifth and Final Report submitted to the Government. The recommendations of the Commission are under consideration.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Making Patwari Halka as an unit under NAIS

†1026. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.